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GENERAL AREA

June 20-27	Laboratory School I and II
June 27-July 11	National Senior High for Workers with Children-First Session, June 27 to July 11, Second Session, July 25 to August 8
June 27-July 4	Youth Conference
July 4-11	Christian Writers and Editors Conference
July 4-11	Radio Workshop
July 11-18	Women's Conference
July 18-25	Layman's Conference
July 25-August 1	Evangelism & Bible Conference
July 25-August 8	Training Laboratory for Adult Workers with Junior High Youth
August 1-8	Ministers Conference
August 1-8	Church Extension Conference
August 8-15	T.V. Workshop
August 8-15	Missions Conference
August 15-22	Christian Education Conference
August 22-29	Council on Christian Social Progress
August 22-31	Worship and the Arts Conference
August 30-Sept. 4	Baptist Student Conference

ABBEY AREA

June 27-July 4	Senior High Conference on Evangelism
July 4-11	Senior High Leadership Conference
July 11-18	Fellowship Guild House Party
August 1-8	Recreation Leader's Laboratory
August 8-15	Young Adult Family Conference
August 22-29	Adult Laboratory School

ANDERSON AREA

June 14-27	Fellowship Builders
June 28-July 11	Junior High Camp
July 12-22	Senior High Frontier Camp
July 25-August 1	Frontier Family Group

Division of Christian Education

OUR DENOMINATIONAL PROGRAM OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR 1959

Now that the active phase of the Lay Development Program is over, many state conventions and city societies will be holding two series of conferences for local churches, one in the spring and the other in the fall.

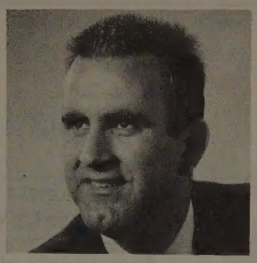
The first set of conferences in 1959 will be the annual Training Conferences for Boards of Christian Education. In these conferences, the "This We Can Do" handbooks for 1959-60 will be interpreted. Also, a new book dealing with the Standard of Achievement, "Design for Achievement" by Cober and Fidler, and a completely new handbook for members of the board, "The Board of Christian Education at Work." The training conference program will include a play-reading, "Dangerous Facsimile" by Faith Coxe Bailey, and a preliminary interpretation of the role of Christian Education in the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

The second set of conferences, scheduled for October, 1959 will provide training in teaching and administrative techniques for all teachers and officers of the Sunday church school. It is proposed that, as far as possible, every association or "cluster" of churches conduct a leadership school for three evenings, using the following first series leadership courses:

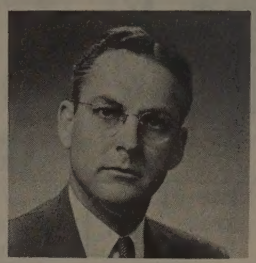
Teaching Nursery Children
Teaching Kindergarten Children
Teaching Primary Children
Teaching Juniors
Teaching Junior High Youth
Teaching Senior High Youth
Teaching Older Youth
Teaching Adults
Standards for the Sunday Church School

The textbooks for six of these courses are new and will be used by churches for the first time this fall.

It is recommended that the courses will be scheduled for two hours on each of the three evenings. This, along with the assigned home study, will meet the requirements for issuing first series credit. Some associations will not be able to offer the entire range of courses due to limitations of leadership, or because the nature of the participating churches will not require having all the courses taught. In such cases, association committees will select the courses that will be most useful and for which leadership is available.



Dr. Bob Kevorkian



Rev. James Havens

RESIGNED

Rev. James Havens, has resigned as Director of Christian Education for the Illinois Baptist Convention as of January 1, to become Executive Secretary of the Missouri Baptist Fellowship. Mr. Havens has served in Illinois since September 15, 1952. In his new capacity, Mr. Havens will be the first person to give full-time professional leadership to the organization of Baptist churches in Missouri which are aligned with the American Baptist Convention.

Dr. Stanley Inman has been serving the American Baptist Union of the San Francisco Bay Cities as Director of Evangelism and Christian Education since October 1, 1950. As of January 1, Dr. Inman will give full time to his work as Director of Evangelism and Associate Secretary.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Bob Kevorkian was appointed to serve as Director of Youth Work for the Southern California Baptist Convention, beginning October 20. Dr. Kevorkian suffered an illness which prevented him from serving for several months following his appointment. Dr. Kevorkian is a graduate of Bucknell University, Princeton Theological Seminary, holds an M.Th. degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and S.T.D. from Temple University. He has served as pastor of Falls of Schuylkill Baptist Church, Philadelphia, and First Baptist Church of Anaheim, California.

Rev. James Bryant Wright will become the Director of Christian Education for the American Baptist Union of the San Francisco Bay Cities, following the resignation of Dr. Stanley Inman. Mr. Wright has been serving the San Francisco city society as its Director of Youth Work since November 15, 1955. He is a graduate of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a former pastor of the Oxford Circle Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.



Department of Children's Work

1958 VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL REPORT

Name of Area	No. Co-operating Churches	No. Reporting V.C.S., 1958	Average Attendance of Students	Average Attendance of Teachers & Helpers	Total Offerings, Service Projects	No. Reporting Recommended Materials	Use of Other Materials
STATES							
ARIZONA	29	21	2,166	442	648.41	18	3
CALIFORNIA (N)	123	54	4,139	1,419	$1,619.46	53	5
CALIFORNIA (S)	270	142	18,739	5,984	5,355.53	83	51
COLORADO	NO	REPORT					
CONNECTICUT	127	11	605	109	183.36	6	5
ILLINOIS	270	200	14,788	3,462	6,757.44	140	54
INDIANA	440	114	10,129	2,348	3,479.03	92	20
IOWA	171	126	8,701	1,782	3,113.59	76	50
KANSAS	310	220	16,450	4,167	4,365.34	143	63
MAINE	304	138	8,717	1,474	1,339.18	33	105
MASSACHUSETTS	297	98	6,841	1,414	1,695.75	54	39
MICHIGAN	153	70	5,919	1,227	1,767.40	44	22
MINNESOTA	45	23	1,516	317	429.66	17	8
NEBRASKA	86	67	3,567	872	1,307.36	46	20
NEVADA	NO	REPORT					
NEW HAMPSHIRE	84	68	2,834	516	324.85	35	9
NEW JERSEY	215	80	7,898	1,448	3,785.19	28	50
NEW YORK	486	126	11,680	2,156	2,528.52	88	35
NORTH DAKOTA	27	20	971	191	292.05	12	8
OHIO	309	81	6,876	1,371	2,354.04	63	13
OREGON	46	40	2,753	707	890.82	34	6
PENNSYLVANIA	350	92	17,762	1,753	2,434.99	55	37
RHODE ISLAND	100	32	2,055	438	442.45	24	8
SOUTH DAKOTA	52	36	1,579	396	551.04	25	8
TRI-STATE	87	34	2,164	504	634.99	28	6
VERMONT	81	53	2,585	535	428.86	29	23
WASHINGTON	135	60	4,504	1,008	1,374.85	48	10
WEST VIRGINIA	755	269	15,606	3,467	5,360.68	143	37
WISCONSIN	85	48	2,952	556	931.31	42	12
WYOMING	24	18	1,170	286	379.68	12	6
CITIES							
BAY CITIES	85	61	6,398	1,286	536.84	39	22
BUFFALO	34	8	611	69	204.24	4	3
CHICAGO	NO	REPORT					
CLEVELAND	30	21	1,937	345	548.43	18	3
DETROIT	45	43	3,904	754	1,414.44	31	12
NEW YORK CITY	100	10	1,023	191	351.00	8	3
PHILADELPHIA	118	24	1,890	471	1,028.85	18	6
PITTSBURGH	65	19	1,479	324	482.82	14	5
ST. LOUIS	5	3	226	57	37.43	3	0
TOTALS	5,943	2,530	203,134	43,846	$59,379.88	1,606	767

NOTE: Had the three Areas not reporting been able to get in the statistics on the vacation church schools held in their churches, we would have had our best year, for a number of years, in terms of the number of schools and the use of recommended curriculum materials. Using for these Areas the figures they reported in 1956, our total number of vacation church schools reported in 1958 is 2,638.

INTERESTING FACTS FROM LAST YEAR'S REPORTS

In addition to the Vacation Church School Report on the opposite page, 286 association chairmen (of the 400 Associations in our Convention) included the following figures in their annual reports:

118 Demonstration Days -- attendance, 3,500
25 Observation Weekend Schools -- attendance, 585
134 Regional Workshops on Vacation Church School -- attendance, 9,380
20 Regional Training Programs for Day Camp leaders
19 Regional, 3 National, Laboratory Schools -- attendance, 989
2,300 Leaders enrolled in the National Fellowship of Children's Workers

1959 CHILDREN'S DAY PROGRAM PACKET

GOD LOVES YOU

GOD LOVES YOU is the program prepared for 1959 Children's Day observance. The message of God's love is interpreted by kindergarten, primary and junior children in terms of their own experiences. A choral speaking group of junior high and senior high young persons gives the program continuity and a fine spiritual tone.

The program packet includes these items: God Loves You - Programs for congregation and participants; The Choral Speaking Groups - Folder; Martha, Joe and Bill - Offering flier; God Speaks to Us - Church school worship service; When I Give - Offering envelope; Poster; and Order card.
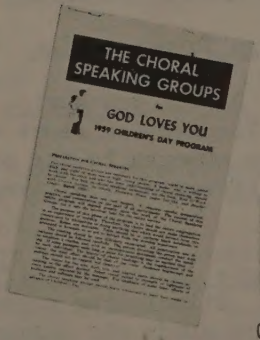
THE SPECIAL CHILDREN'S DAY OFFERING highlights the Winning the Children for Christ Program and is designed to encourage generous giving on the part of children, youth and adults. Three items help accomplish this objective: offering envelope, offering flier, and church school worship service for youth and adults. The flier and the worship service draw a clear picture of the need for Martha, Joe and Bill, and all unreached children like them, to know that God cares. Then the invitation to become a part of this outreach is provided through a gift toward the support of the Winning the Children for Christ Program.



Program for Congregation and Participants



Poster



Choral Speaking Groups



Offering Flier



Offering Envelope

CHILDREN'S DAY . . . June 14, 1959

MISSIONARY AND STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

ANNUAL REPORT

MAY 1, 1957-APRIL 30, 1958

Every year, our leaders are anxious to know the progress of our program of missionary education for children. Here are the annual statistics, which at least help us to see the direction of the program. Is your church included in this report? This report represents reports from a little more than a half of our churches. Be sure to see that your church sends in a report next year.

728 Churches reported a School of Missions
411 Primary classes in School of Missions
466 Junior classes in School of Missions
237 Combined primary-junior classes in School of Missions
402 Used home theme, "Christ, The Church, and Race" in School of Missions
454 Used foreign theme "Japan" in School of Missions
251 Used Baptist booklet, Making New Friends in School of Missions
874 Churches reported missionary reading books available for primary children
930 Churches reported missionary reading books available for junior children
518 Churches reported use of children's duplex offering envelopes in Sunday church school.
1,368 Churches reported use of children's materials in interpreting World Fellowship Offering
1,430 Churches reported use of children's materials in interpreting America for Christ Offering
2,192 Missionary boxes sent by children to home mission fields
1,619 Missionary boxes sent by children to foreign mission fields

NEW MATERIALS FOR 1959-60

Foreign Theme: Africa

Junior Reading Book: New Magic, by Esma Rideout Booth. Ten stories about the Africa of today and the changes in the old ways of life that are affecting the lives of children.

A Junior Teacher's Guide on Africa, by Frances Eastman. Stimulating procedures and activities for the study are suggested.

Primary Reading Book: Boloji and Old Hippo, by Juanita Purvis Shacklett. The story of an eight-year-old boy, living with his Christian family in a village of Congo. The family moves to the city and differences of the life in village and in city are pictured as well as some of the conflicts that arise between Christians and non-Christians.

A Primary Teacher's Guide on Africa, by Juanita Purvis Shacklett. Background materials as well as suggested procedures for guiding primaries in a stimulating study.

Picture Album: World Friends: In Africa. Fifteen teaching pictures in black and white showing African boys and girls in villages and in towns.

Picture Map of Africa. Map with a large insert sheet containing descriptive text and pictures to paste on the map.

Filmstrip: Tumba of Africa. In color, the filmstrip visualizes daily life and customs in Africa and how the church helped Tumba's family.

Little Playmate Books: The New Set III of the Kindergarten series includes:

A Pet for Chandran (India) Sara Klein Clarke
Beya's Train Ride (Africa) Melba Peterson
Nady Goes to Market (Brazil) Elizabeth Tibbals McDowell

For Use with Both Themes:

Making New Friends: In Africa, In Rural America. Stories by Baptist missionaries, service projects and special interest missionaries. Use with both primary and junior groups.

Home Theme
The Church's Mission In Town and Country

Junior Reading Book: The Singing Bridge, by Rita Puttcamp.

A Junior Teacher's Guide on The Church's Mission in Town and Country, by Doris Demaree.

Primary Reading Book: A Gift of Turtles, by Ella Mae Charlton.

A Primary Teacher's Guide on The Church's Mission in Town and Country, by Elizabeth Tibbals McDowell.

World Friends: In Town and Country. Picture Album showing children of the United States.

Picture Map of the United States.

Department of Youth Work

TO THE ASSOCIATION
CHAIRMEN OF YOUTH WORK

The following merit your serious attention and action:

1. The Training Conference for Association Christian Education Committees.

This is the meeting at which you will receive valuable help in carrying out your responsibilities as Association Chairman of Youth Work. There, you will meet with other Association Chairmen of Youth Work for corporate thinking and planning on how to achieve the goals suggested in the 1959-60 Association Handbook, This We Can Do in Youth Work. Said handbooks will be distributed at the conference. Watch for the announcement of this important meeting.

2. The Annual Conference for Boards of Christian Education.

Among your responsibilities is that of giving leadership at this conference. You will conduct a training period for the local church Chairmen of Youth Work. Your major resource material will be the 1959-60 Local Church Handbook, This We Can Do in Youth Work. As a part of your planning, why not send notices to all local church Chairmen of Youth Work urging their attendance.

3. Inform Youth and Workers with Youth of Summer Training opportunities.

Summer offers many rich opportunities for training, and as Association Chairman of Youth Work, you can do much to encourage churches to send its youth and their workers to local, association, state, and national camps and conferences. Inquire of your Area Director of Christian Education and/or Director of Youth Work concerning area training opportunities, and then forward this information to the local church Chairman of Youth Work. In addition to advising them of your area camps and conferences, inform them also of the 1959 Baptist Youth Fellowship Camps and Conferences at the American Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, Wisconsin. The following is the forthcoming summer's schedule of training opportunities for Youth and Workers with Youth at Green Lake:

Baptist Youth Fellowship

June 14-27	Fellowship Builders
June 20-27	Senior High Leadership Conf. 1
June 27-July 4	Youth Conference (18-25)
June 27-July 4	Senior High Conference on Evangelism
June 28-July 11	Junior High Camp
July 4-11	Senior High Leadership Conf. II
July 4-11	Training Laboratory for Adult Workers with Senior High Youth
July 11-18	Fellowship Guild House Party
July 12-22	Senior High Frontier Camp
July 25-August 18	Training Laboratory for Adult Workers With Junior High Youth
August 8-15	Missions Conference
August 15-22	Christian Education Workers Conference
August 31-September 4	Baptist Student Conference

REPORTS OF THE STATE AND CITY CHAIRMEN OF YOUTH WORK

Last year, annual reports were received from 20 Area Chairmen of Youth Work, representing 146 association and 1334 churches. These figures are below the number of reports received the previous year. Although the number of churches reporting was smaller, definite evidences of growth could be seen in the number of junior highs, senior highs, and older youth attending church school classes and evening fellowship meetings. The largest indication of growth was in the senior high age bracket.

A marked increase was noted in the number of junior high girls attending meetings of Ann Judson chapters of the Fellowship Guild. Another encouraging sign of increased concern for youth was the growth in the number of church-sponsored Boy Scout troops.

Approximately two-thirds (873) of the churches that reported had Chairmen of Youth Work. Only 477 had Committees on Youth Work. This indicates a need for more emphasis on youth workers planning and working cooperatively through a well organized and functioning committee on youth work.

The 1959-1960 local church handbook This We Can Do In Youth Work which will soon be ready for distribution, is concerned with the need for youth workers. All churches will do well to join other churches in giving attention to the responsibility of adults in the Christian education of youth.

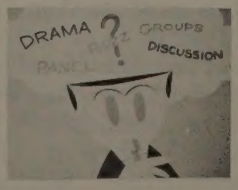
GOD AND COUNTRY LAPEL PINS

God and Country Lapel Pins may be ordered from the Protestant Committee on Scouting, New Brunswick, N. J. They cost 75 cents each. If not ordered at the time the Award is presented, send full particulars regarding when the Award was given.

NEW BYF FILMSTRIP AVAILABLE



For those who want to help their young people and adult leaders understand how a Baptist Youth Fellowship actually operates in a church, the new filmstrip "What is the Baptist Youth Fellowship?" will be a fine help. This 73 frame color filmstrip pictures the activities of Joe BYF as he is a part of the BYF of his church. The focus of attention is on the planning process and the need for careful preparation in youth programming. The filmstrip uses the organization pattern for the Senior High group, but indicates something of the pattern for Junior Highs and Older Youth.



This filmstrip will find many uses in the local church in explaining the need for adequate preparation and planning, for the orientation of the Committee on Youth Work, in helping parents to understand the church's ministry to youth. Wider use in association and state meetings is expected also, in rallies, conferences, and training schools for youth and adults.

The filmstrip, "What is the Baptist Youth Fellowship?" is available from your nearest American Baptist Bookstore, with script, for $4.95.

BAPTIST JUBILEE ADVANCE PLANS

January 1 found American Baptists and the millions of Baptists in five other Baptist Conventions in North America embarked on a five year Baptist Jubilee Advance. This five year program will conclude in 1964 with a celebration of the beginning of Baptist work in America.

During January, February, and March, many cities will view a special Baptist television program, "This Is the Answer". This series of 30-minute programs has been called "televangelism" and is produced in cooperation with other Baptist groups. The drama situations will picture many of the social and moral problems of our day, seeking to relate the Christian imperative of love. It has been suggested that churches form groups to view the programs and discuss them afterwards. One or more of these viewing parties should be for young people. By writing to the address shown with the program, additional materials for discussion may be obtained.

A Youth section for the church's School of Evangelism is suggested. Resource material for youth is printed in the February and March issues of Young People (a weekly paper for Senior Highs and Older Youth). A Youth Study Guide has been prepared by Suzanne G. Rinck for the leader of the Youth section of the School of Evangelism. This is available from the American Baptist Bookstores for 15¢. Youth sessions may be held at the same time as the adult sessions, or separately. Additional copies of the resource material in Young People, should be ordered from the nearest American Baptist Bookstore. The regular quantity rates for a quarter (38¢) will prevail for churches already subscribing to Young People. For those churches not now receiving Young People, complimentary introductory copies are available from the Circulation Department, American Baptist Publication Society, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania. Please indicate the number of young people in the group.

NATIONAL GUILD HOUSE PARTY

July 11 - 18, 1959

Theme: "AT HOME"

All girls from 12 to 24 and Fellowship Guild Counselors, state, association and local, are invited to attend the Tenth National Guild House Party.

The 1959 House Party will be considering one of our four areas of emphasis - "The Christian Home." Through Bible presentations, personal devotions and small group discussions, the girls will be helped to develop into fine Christian young women.

Miss Marjorie Wilson, Director of Fellowship Guild and World Outreach will be working with outstanding youth and adult leaders. Training in Guild work, skill groups of various kinds, recreation, outdoor Cathedral Vespers, missionary addresses and other features will be included on the program.

Cost is $30.50 for board and room in the Abbey Area, plus $7.50 registration fee.

STATE HOUSE PARTY GUIDE

The House Party Guide for State, Association and Local Guild House Parties is now ready for distribution. The theme is "Search Me, O God!" and presents a major emphasis on Christian Personality Development, which is one of the areas of interest in the Guild.

Order enough copies of the Guide for your House Party Committee. Additional copies of the Theme Discussion Guide and Guild Group Discussion Guide are available at the BYF office, 1703 Chestnut Street, Phila. 3, Pa. Cost: Complete Guide, 60¢ each; Theme Conference Guide, 2 for 25¢; Devotional Section, 2 for 25¢ and Guild Conference Section 10¢ each.



MISSION BOOKS

This year our mission themes are:

HOME: "Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors"
FOREIGN: "Middle East"

To give our young people guidance in the world mission of the church, books for study and reading are suggested. These are suggested in regards to the themes for the year.

For study we suggest:

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH

Always An Answer, by Alice H. Lewis	$1.50
How to Use Always An Answer, by Barbara Poppe	.65
In the Shadow of Mount Royal: The Life of Madam Feller	.25
He Belongs to the West: James Robertson, by Isobel McFadden	.25
Pearls Are Made, by Ann M. Harrison	1.50
Junior High Guide on the Middle East, by Lucile Desjardins	1.50

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

This Is North America, by Doris Darnell	.60
What--Concerns North American Youth? by Sarah S. Parrott	.60
Youth Guide on Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors, by Marian Van Horne	.65
Neighbor Voices	1.25
Caught In The Middle, by G. M. Wysner	1.50
Youth Guide on the Middle East by Gustav K. Wiencke	.65
A Tool In His Hand, by Ann M. Harrison	1.50
This Is The Middle East, by J. Blumberg	.60
Introducing Islam, by J. C. Wilson	.60

Some good reading books:

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH

Getting to Know Alaska, by J. Breetveld	$2.50
Getting to Know Puerto Rico, by R. Tor	2.50
The Great Discovery, by A. Eisenberg	2.50

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Thine Is The Kingdom, by J. S. Stewart	2.50
Men of Medicine, by K. B. Shippen	3.50
The Shadows They Cast, by J.T.Harrington	1.50
The Middle East, by Edward J. Jurji	3.00

The above books may be ordered from your nearest American Baptist Book Store.



Department of Adult Work and Family Life

NEXT STEPS FOR ASSOCIATION CHAIRMEN OF ADULT WORK

SPRING TRAINING CONFERENCE — A training conference is to be conducted this Spring for members of your Association Committee on Christian Education, when you (as chairman of adult work), along with other committee members will receive special training for subsequent leadership in association training conferences. If the date of this conference has not been set, contact your Association Chairman or your Area Director of Christian Education at once.

HANDBOOK OF ASSOCIATION GOALS — A new handbook of goals for association chairmen of adult (1959-1960) will be distributed at your Spring Training Conference. Be sure to secure a copy of this manual which contains timely suggestions and resources designed to help you determine worthwhile association adult projects.

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK — Write to the Department of Adult Work and Family Life for a Family Week Resource Packet (40 cents). One copy free to association chairmen of adult work. Study the contents of this packet, particularly the Family Week Program Guide (25 cents). Recommend these materials to chairmen of adult work in the churches of your association.

LABORATORY TRAINING FOR ADULT TEACHERS — Promote attendance at the National Adult Laboratory School at Green Lake next summer. Make this opportunity known to teachers and other adult workers in your association! Send the names and addresses of bona fide prospects to the Department of Adult Work, 1703 Chestnut St., Philadelphia 3, Pa., and a special letter of invitation will be sent forthwith. Quantities of our publicity leaflet on the Adult Laboratory School are available to association chairmen of adult work for re-distribution to interested persons.

Plan to attend this ADULT LABORATORY SCHOOL yourself!... Better yet,... bring a car load of teachers from your association.

ANNUAL REPORTS ON ADULT WORK FOR 1957-58

Our final tabulation of annual reports on adult work for 1957-58, received from state and city chairmen of adult work contains these interesting statistics:

24--State and city areas reporting.
3,299--Churches in these areas.
1,062--Churches submitting reports on Adult Work.
854--Churches with Chairmen of Adult Work.

330--Churches with Committees on Adult Work.
337--Churches with a Home Department.
330--Churches with a Home Department Superintendent
3,047--Classes in the Adult Division

58,841--Adults in the Adult Division
225--New Adult Classes started.
5,513--New members enrolled in adult classes.
3,279--Teachers using Baptist Leader.

2,496--Classes using Adult Class quarterly.
226--Classes using elective courses of study.
1,955--Classes using Uniform Lessons.

173--Churches with a Sunday Evening Adult Fellowship.
59--Churches with a Parents' Class.
337--Churches having a majority of adult teachers at six Workers Conferences.

Of special significance in this tabulation is a) the increasing number of churches with a Chairman of Adult Work, and a Committee on Adult Work; b) Churches with a Home Department; c) New adult classes started last year; d) teachers using Baptist Leader; and e) adult teachers attending monthly Workers' Conferences.

These statistics further indicate, however, that much more needs to be done in American Baptist churches to strengthen adult work, and to acquire a better appreciation of the tremendous importance and significance of an active, comprehensive program of adult Christian education.

NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

This observance will be celebrated from May 3-10, 1959, by all major religious groups in the United States and Canada. The selected theme for 1959 is "The Biblical Bases of the Family."

No emphasis during the entire church year affords a better opportunity than National Family Week to accentuate the basic importance of Christian family life, and to schedule relevant "family centered" programs and projects. The Department of Adult Work and Family Life has prepared a special Program Guide, a Family Week Resource Packet, and an assortment of attractive leaflets that will be ready for initial distribution on February 15, 1959:

1959 FAMILY WEEK PROGRAM GUIDE. 25 cents. A 36-page booklet containing a variety of program possibilities, "family-centered" activities, daily emphases, special features, guidance for children's and youth leaders, and bibliographies of literature for distribution and display. (Sold separately).

FAMILY WEEK RESOURCE PACKET. 40 cents. This packet includes the 1959 Program Guide plus a selection of sample leaflets on various aspects of Christian home and family life.

FAMILY CAMP AND CONFERENCE PROGRAMS AT GREEN LAKE

Another NATIONAL FRONTIER FAMILY CAMP is scheduled for next summer at Green Lake (July 25 to August 1). This program will be family-centered, and conducted in the Anderson Camp area for families with children between the ages of 7 and 17 years. Rev. Rodney Britten is the Administrative Director and Rev. and Mrs. Nicholas Titus are to serve as Program Directors.

The FOURTEENTH NATIONAL YOUNG ADULT FAMILY CONFERENCE will be held in the William Carey Abbey area (August 8 to 15), for families with children between the ages of 4 and 11 years. Special enrichment and training opportunities will be offered this year to parents and families who return for the second and third years. Dr. Joseph John Hanson is the director of this program.

Write to the Department of Adult Work for a descriptive leaflet... containing rates, program features and registration information... Send us the names of prospects and we shall communicate directly with them.

SPECIAL TRAINING FOR TEACHERS OF ADULTS

Another NATIONAL ADULT LABORATORY SCHOOL will be held at Green Lake from August 22 to 29, 1959. This program is especially designed to train teachers of adults and church leaders in the use of effective methods of teaching adults, group techniques, and curriculum resources. Daily opportunities will be provided for conferees to observe skilled teachers in class demonstrations, to participate in practice teaching sessions, to discuss teaching roles and relationships, and to develop new skills in diagnosing and solving group problems.

The cost of room and board for each person in this laboratory school is $36.75 for the conference period (one week) (Two per room) plus a $10.00 program fee.

Teachers of adults need this type of training!! Encourage teachers whom you know to register! Urge classes to send their teacher with expenses paid. Share with us the names of prospects, and we shall send a letter of invitation, along with information about this fine program.

SPECIAL TRAINING FOR SECOND YEAR STUDENTS — Every second year student will work with a faculty member in learning to plan and conduct skill practice and demonstration teaching sessions.

SPECIAL TRAINING FOR THIRD YEAR STUDENTS. — These persons will work with the Director of the Laboratory School, assisting in the administration of the program, observing and evaluating teaching demonstrations and practice sessions, and participating in seminars on laboratory techniques in adult education.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

* Demonstration Classes
* Inspiration
* Leadership Development
* Group Work
* Practice Teaching
* Recreation
* Counseling by Staff Members
* Skill Practice Sessions
* Understanding Adults

Department of Missionary and Stewardship Education

NEXT STEPS FOR

THE ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN

FEBRUARY. The America for Christ Offering is to be presented on the Sundays of February 8, 15, and 22. If you know of any church that has no plan or material for this emphasis, you may encourage this observance and guide as to materials and plans. See This We Can Do in Missionary and Stewardship Education, January MISSIONS, and December JUDSON JOURNAL for information.

GOAL 3 in our comprehensive missionary and stewardship education program calls for the training of leaders in missionary and stewardship education. Some of the major opportunities for this training are to be found in summer conferences. Since summer plans are made early, NOW is the time to press for arrangements to send local and association chairmen to one of the summer conferences.

We call attention especially to the National Missions Conference at Green Lake, Wis., from August 8 to 15 which is being designed not only for inspiration and information but specifically as a training opportunity for those who have responsibilities in missionary education in local and other areas.

Since summer plans crystallize about this time, now is a good time to enlist recruits to attend the following listed conferences. Some assistance in the way of scholarships will be a practical way of making this possible. This should be a budget item for the church and the association.

Baptist Conferences

Missions, Green Lake, Wisconsin, August 8-15
Christian Education, Green Lake, August 15-22
Laboratory School I, Administrators and Teachers of Children - June 27-July 11
Laboratory School II, Administrators and Teachers of Children - July 25-August 8
Training Laboratory for Adult Workers with Junior High Youth - July 25-August 8
Training Laboratory for Adult Workers with Senior High Youth - July 4-July 11
National Adult Laboratory School, August 22-August 29

Registrar: Miss Frances Lamb, American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin

Interdenominational Conferences

Estes Park, Colorado	June 14-20
Northfield, Massachusetts	June 28-July 5
Silver Bay, New York	July 8-15
Asilomar, California	July 31-August 5
Evanston, Illinois	August 3-7
Tacoma, Washington	August 7-12
Chautauqua, New York	August 23-28

Write to Dr. William C. Walzer, 257 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y., for information.

MARCH-APRIL. Watch for and plan to attend the Annual Training Conference for Association Christian Education Committees. This is where you will have fellowship with other chairmen of missionary and stewardship education and will be trained to lead the section on missionary and stewardship education in the Annual Conference for Boards of Christian Education. You will receive the new handbooks and materials.

THE NEW THEMES--1959-1960

"AFRICA" - recommended theme for use in the School of Missions next fall and winter.

"TOWN AND COUNTRY" - may be used in the women's societies, as an elective in Sunday church school classes, and in other organizations of the church.

PRELIMINARY LIST OF
THE NATIONAL MISSIONARY READING
AND STUDY PROGRAM FOR 1959-1960

"AFRICA"

COMING--Ready or Not by Chester and Margaret Jump. Story of the progress of Baptist work in Belgian Congo under Congolese and missionary leadership. Probable price, $1.25. Ready in March.

The Way in Africa by George W. Carpenter. Adult study book. Light on many phases of life in the "continent of opportunity." $2.95; $1.50.

Africa Disturbed by Emory and Myrta Ross. Africans present their views on their place in world picture to two trusted friends. $3.50; $1.95.

(Continued on next page.)

The Halting Kingdom by John and Rena Karefa-Smart. Christianity and the African Revolution, study book for student groups. $1.00.

Jungles Ahead by Esther D. Horner. Stories of young African Christians whose light "shines in darkness." $2.95; $1.50.

This Is Africa South of the Sahara by Newell S. Booth. 75¢.

Livingstone, the Pathfinder by Basil Mathews. Biography. $2.75; $1.50.

Paths That Cross by Esther Daniels. Illustrated. American teen-agers compare life with Africans from same group. $2.95; $1.50.

Background Reading

Introducing Animism by Eugene Nida and William Smalley. 90¢.

Congo Cameos by Catharine L. Mabie, M.D., Autobiography of an American Baptist pioneer. $2.50.

The Man Who Presumed by Byron Farwell. Probably the most outstanding biography of Henry M. Stanley who found Livingstone in Africa. $5.00.

Report on Africa by Oden Meeker. Narrative survey of lands and people. 1954. $5.00.

South Africa in Transition. Text: Alan Paton; photographs: Dan Weiner. 1956. $5.00.

THE CHURCH'S MISSION IN TOWN AND COUNTRY

People, Land, and Churches by Rockwell Smith. Adult study book. Church people in city, town or rural area discover needs to be worked out together. $2.95; $1.50.

On Good Soil by Wilfred Bockelman. True story of town and country churches serving people on the land, in home-farm, or industrial agriculture. $2.95; $1.50.

Windbreaks by J. Martin Bailey. To prevent soul-erosion: stories of church life for youth in rural America. $2.95; $1.50.

Raising Cane on Huckleberry by Alice Cobb. City boy joins country-bred teen-agers; what next on the farm! $2.95; $1.50.

Background Reading

The Song Goes On by Claribel F. Dick. Illustrated biography of the beloved Kiowa Indian missionary, Iolete Hunt McElhaney. Priced. Probably ready in June.

Papa's Daughter by Thyra F. Bjorn. Sweden and America--town and city. $3.50.

So Sure of Life by Violet Wood. Revised. Biography of Robert F. Thomas, M.D., rural missionary. Priced.

Farmer in a Business Suit by John Davis and Kenneth Huishaw. From Puritan farm to today's "Agribusiness." $3.50.

Children's Books

Making New Friends: In Africa, In Rural America edited by Florence Stansbury. Stories and projects for junior and primary children by Baptist missionaries. 75¢.

New Magic by Esma R. Booth. Changes in the life of African children. $2.95; $1.50. Jr.

Boloji and Old Hippo by Juanita P. Shacklett. Eight-year old boy and his Christian family in a Congo village. $2.95; $1.50. Primary.

The Singing Bridge by Rita Puttcamp. Atomic energy plant comes to a quiet village. $2.-95; $1.50. Junior.

A Gift of Turtles by Ella Mae Charlton. Children help old country church to grow to fit new needs through their gift of turtles. $2.95; $1.50. Primary.

Note: 1. Look for: Friends Through Books in early spring for complete reading and study program, dramatizations, and audio-visuals; Baptist Mission Study Guides for adults on both themes; help for Baptist teachers of children in Making New Friends: In Africa, In Rural America; interdenominational guides available for each age group on each theme.
2. Fun and Festival from Africa and maps of Africa and U.S.A. will be available.
3. Unless otherwise noted, publications will not be available until after March 15, 1959.
4. Order from American Baptist Publication Society bookstore for your area.

The Bible

February Ephesians

March. . I and II Peter, Jude

April. Daniel



Book of the Month



Department of Leadership Education

NEW LEADERSHIP MATERIALS

The 1959 First and Second Series Course leaflets have taken on a new look. The contents likewise are interesting. Therein, you will find the new materials for Course 147Ga, Teaching in the Vacation Church School--the new texts for missionary courses 152a-b and 153a-b--and the nine new texts with guides for courses to be used next fall.

Leadership Education Handbook for years 1959 and 1960 will be issued by the National Council of Churches the first of February, at 75 cents per copy.

BAPTISTS AND GROUP DYNAMICS

Often it is asked, "What are Baptists doing in the field of group dynamics or human relations?" Possibly the question is asked with an intimation that we are not doing much. Really we are. First, the national staff of the Division of Christian Education are keeping abreast of the latest concepts by attending conferences on the subject, including the international Protestant Laboratory on Group Relations. The fourth lab will be held at Green Lake April 5-17, 1959. Also, we are aiding our people to understand and use the basic elements of group work.

In summary, the national staff are reading, planning and projecting significant programs in group relations. Six books to be issued this year by The Judson Press will further stimulate our people to the values of effective group work. A program in process will carry the practical features of group relations to the churches.

Are you keeping up in this important field? Have you taught either Course 515a, Leadership in Classes and Groups or 515b, Leadership in the Group, or read the textbooks for these courses? Have you read the workers' conference articles in Baptist Leader each month on "The Role of the Christian Leader?" Have you read the books listed in Your Church Library leaflet on group work? Did you read the May 1957 issue of the International Journal of Religious Education?

ASSOCIATION CHAIRMAN OF LEADERSHIP EDUCATION

A major block of your time during the next few weeks should be spent in promoting attendance of all your local chairmen at the Spring Conference for members of Boards of Christian Education. Such a conference will probably be held in your association in April or May. You and the other members of the Association Committee will be making plans to insure the success of that conference. Please refer to Goal 4 in your 1958-59 association handbook.

You probably will be expected to conduct the session for local church Chairmen of Leadership Education at the Spring Conference. In order to prepare for your responsibilities you should be sure to attend the District Training Conference for Association Committees, at which time coaching will be given by a State Convention or City Society team. Publicity will be sent to you by your area as to the time and place of the District Conference. In fulfilling your duties in these two important conferences you will be achieving Goals 3, 4 and 5 in your association handbook.

In your contacts with local chairmen you may also wish to call their attention to goals and activities they should be working on this spring. An outline of the important items appear in the March agenda, page 17 in the local church handbook. Promotion of summer training opportunities and enlisting attendance at conferences and laboratory schools should be stressed.

Although Goal 6 may be done at any time, you may wish to emphasize this now since it is included in the March agenda. This goal is:

> "Encourage each worker to read at least one book in Christian education and to read regularly Baptist Leader."

Details concerning this goal are found on pages 11 and 12 of the local handbook.

March 1 is the halfway mark in the Christian education year and would be a good time for local chairmen to examine again the "Evaluation and Report of Leadership Education" on pages 21 and 22. Those parts which have been completed to date could be checked off and plans made on how to carry out the remaining items. This process of evaluation at mid point is valuable and may result in better reports at the end of the year.

Number of Directors Increases

At this writing, we are all looking forward to the conferences at Berkeley, Philadelphia and Omaha. Many things point to good sessions, particularly program and personnel. We are pleased to report that many more directors are found on the national roster of directors of Christian education which have boosted the number to 404. Even more encouraging is the type of person in the role of director. Several things have served to bring this about, such as, the church knows much better the work of the director and how to work with him or her. Also, the director has learned how to approach the church and both have moved along together in the important work of Christian education.

Baptist Directors to meet August 15-22

It is nothing new for directors to meet as a part of the Christian Education Workers Conference at Green Lake but there are new features which should add immeasurably to the 1959 Conference. First, the "Fellowship of Directors of Christian Education" will hold its first official meeting, and election of officers for the following year. Directors which met at Green Lake in 1958 decided upon this arrangement because the largest representative group from Eastern, Central and Western areas meet at Green Lake.

In the second place,we are pleased to report that the Program Committee of the Christian Education Conference has been able to meet the wishes of the directors by providing two simultaneous groups at the 1959 Conference--one group for new directors who want to spend the entire time on the job of the director in the local church. A second group will be a seminar for directors who have had experience as a director for at least a year. Experienced directors may enroll in the former group if they so desire. Gordon Forbes, who served for many years as a state director of Christian education and now is DCE at First Baptist Church, Sacramento, Calif., will conduct the sessions of the first group. Mrs. Irene Lovett, Dean of Baptist Institute for Christian Wrokers (Bryn Mawr, Pa.) and Psychologist for Pediatrics Department of Woman's Medical College Hospital, Philadelphia, will conduct the second group. Before coming to "BI," Mrs. Lovett was a pastor and popular educational leader. The Seminar group will largely deal with the problems associated with development and growth during adolescence, as related to the work of the DCE.

Other features of the Christian Education Conference available to all directors will be the morning assembly period dealing with "Spiritual Disciplines for the Christian Leader," led by Clarence Jordan, Koinonia Farms, Americus, Georgia, vespers under the superb leadership of H. Victor Kane, and a variety of popular evening sessions presented by John W. Thomas and others.

This year's Conference theme is "Better Methods of Teaching." A folder may be obtained from your city or state Baptist headquarters or from the Division of Christian Education, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.

Schools of Evangelism

The next big items after the kick-off of the Baptist Jubilee Advance are the Schools of Evangelism and Simultaneous Evangelistic Effort (SESEE). We of the Division of Christian Education believe these Schools can be significant studies for our people and certainly for educational workers. Therefore, we hope there will be a School of Evangelism in your church, possibly beginning the middle of February 1959, just after your School of Missions.

The 1959 SESEE concerns itself with a study of Paul's letter to the Ephesians. "The Broken Wall" by Marcus Barth has been written as one man's interpretation of Ephesians. A leader's guide has been prepared for use with the Barth book.

Your youth (particularly junior highs and senior highs) will want to use the Youth Study of Ephesians as prepared by Suzanne Rinck. This text material appears in the February and March issues of "Young People." A special leader's guide has been prepared for this youth study.

All materials mentioned above may be obtained from your American Baptist bookstore. Possibly your pastor has an order blank showing prices of the various materials.

Support the DCE Fellowship

The organization of the "Fellowship of Directors of Christian Education" is gaining momentum daily. It is pulling directors across the American Baptist Convention into a closer fellowship, providing for them better programs in conferences and aiding them in presenting a united front. You belong to a fellowship of which you can be justly proud. Have you paid your dues? If not, send your $2.00 soon to Miss Doris Brinker, c/o First Baptist Church, Parkersburg, West Virginia.



Department of Church School Administration

Composite of 1958 Reports

Every year you recall we have asked the chairmen of Boards of Christian Education to send in reports on the Christian education program of their church to the Association Chairmen. The Association Chairman has been asked to compile these reports and send them to the State Chairman who in turn compiles the reports and sends them to the Department of Church School Administration in Philadelphia. These reports from the past year, by glancing at our composite of the 1958 reports, reveal some very interesting facts. This also points out how important to us these reports are. Among other things they help us to see the needs of the local church and how we can continue to be of service. Here is some interesting information the reports give us.

1. Only about 25 percent of American Baptist churches sent in reports from the chairmen of the Board of Christian Education. We are grateful for those chairmen of boards and association chairmen who cooperated so helpfully with us. Yet it is unfortunate that three-fourths of American Baptist Churches felt these reports were too much bother to fill out and send in. Because we have only twenty-five percent of the churches reporting, the information we received is only partial.

2. Of the churches sending in reports 98+% reported having Boards of Christian Education. This in itself is revealing. A church with a Board is well organized to get its job done. A church without a Board is poorly organized and there is slim hope of their achieving such a small project as sending in an annual report.

3. About 80% of these Boards had all recommended committee chairmen. There were about 92% of the churches that had chairmen of Children's Work and Youth Work.

4. While a very high percent of the Boards reported committee chairmen, only 60% of the churches had functioning committees of the Board. More churches had committees of Children's Work.

5. One-thousand-three hundred and six new Sunday church school classes were formed.

6. Sixteen-thousand three-hundred and fifty-four persons attended Discipleship and Church Membership Classes.

7. The Sunday church school enrollment and average attendance in the 25% of American Baptist Churches are as follows:

	1957	1958
Enrollment	267,175	303,093
Average Attendance	156,358	180,368

These figures reveal that approximately 36% of the pupils enrolled in the Sunday church school are absent every Sunday. This points up a continued need for our drive to cut down absenteeism. A Sunday church school is at its best only about 64% effective.

8. Here is a very interesting revelation: Of the churches sending in these reports 98% of them attended the Spring Conference for Boards of Christian Education. Fifty percent had an annual planning conference or retreat for the Board of Christian Education.

9. Only 8% made a study of their Christian education rooms and equipment. Yet 86% reported they made some improvements in their rooms and equipment.

The next annual report for chairmen of Boards of Christian Education will be due September 15, 1959. This annual report is in the form of the Evaluation found in the This We Can Do in Administration. It is a Standard of Achievement Evaluation. We are sincerely trusting that every American Baptist church will have either its chairman of the board or general superintendent have this evaluation filled out and mailed in. This means that every American Baptist Church will be asked to fill in one of these Evaluation Reports.

Standard of Achievement

In the December issue of Judson Journal twenty-seven churches were listed as having received gold, silver or bronze numerals recognizing them for their achievements in the Standard of Achievement. Below we are listing 30 additional churches who have received recognitions since the last issue.

Gold

First Baptist, Terre Haute, Indiana

Bethel Baptist, Powers Lake, North Dakota
First Baptist, Ravenswood, West Virginia

Silver
First Baptist, North Sacramento, California
First Baptist, Kewanee, Illinois
Central Baptist, Springfield, Illinois
East Winthrop Baptist, East Winthrop, Maine
Allegheny Valley Baptist, Natrona Heights, Pennsylvania
First Baptist, Deadwood, South Dakota
Summerville Baptist, Summerville, West Virginia
First Baptist, Casper, Wyoming

Bronze
First Baptist, Eureka, California
First Baptist, Longmont, Colorado
First Baptist, Mt. Vernon, Illinois
Grandview Baptist, Quincy, Illinois
Perryburg Baptist, Macy, Indiana
First Baptist, Lindsborg, Kansas
First Baptist, Mankato, Minnesota
First Baptist, Broken Bow, Nebraska
The United Baptist, Lakeport, New Hampshire
Watkins Glen Baptist, Watkins Glen, New York
Conklin Avenue Baptist, Binghamton, New York
Immanuel Baptist, Minot, North Dakota
Riley Chapel, Danville, Ohio
Highland Baptist, Portland, Oregon
First Baptist, Reading Pennsylvania
Madison Baptist, Madison, West Virginia
Jeannette Baptist, Edmond, West Virginia
Baptist Temple, Parkersburg, West Virginia
First Baptist, Worland, Wyoming

The Annual Spring Conference for Boards of Christian Education

These Spring Conferences are traditional with American Baptist Churches. This year they will have several new features especially since important new materials will be presented. Something every church has been looking for is a guide book in helping them achieve a good basic program of Christian Education. A new manual, Design for Achievement in the Sunday Church School, by Kenneth L. Cober and James E. Fidler will be available at the Spring Conference.

These Conferences for Boards of Christian Education will be held this year in your Association in April or May. Soon you will be receiving an announcement of the time and place where it will be held in your area. This conference is a must for every member of a Board of Christian Education, for Pastors and Directors of Christian Education.

The "This We Can Do" handbooks for 1959-60 will be made available at this conference. These handbooks have a new format which we feel will make them more practicable and usable. Every member of the board will be delighted with this new edition.

A thought provoking play reading "Dangerous Facsimile" will be presented at the Spring Conference in your Association. This is an interesting little play which will be available after the Spring Conference for presentation in local churches. It will also present a technique of presenting a play which is applicable for every church.

New Materials

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Design for Achievement in the Sunday Church School

by Kenneth L. Cober and James E. Fidler

This new book has been requested by Christian Education Workers all over the American Baptist Convention. You will be delighted that it is now available. Design for Achievement presents a basic program for Sunday church schools. The book deals with everyday problems in Christian Education that every member on the board faces such as how to increase attendance; how to deal with absenteeism; how to enlist teachers and train them for their task; how to develop a well balanced Christian education program; how to win persons to Christ.

Design for Achievement considers necessary ingredients for a high quality Sunday church school. It presents 12 basic elements for a better church school and devotes a chapter to each giving practical suggestions on how these may be achieved. The book follows the 12 basic goals of the Standard of Achievement for American Baptist Churches.

Dr. Kenneth Cober and Dr. James Fidler the authors have done an excellent piece of work in the book and of course are well qualified to write on this subject. These authors have worked with the Standard of Achievement in all of its development since it was presented to American Baptist Convention in 1955.

The Board of Christian Education at Work

The Board of Christian Education at Work is a revision of the Work of the Board of Christian Education. While it is a revision it is practically a new and larger manual. It is a working tool for the members of the Board and the Committees. It tells how to organize a Board of Christian Education, the function of the board, the duties of its members and the responsibilities of the committees of the board. A special sec-

tion has been prepared for the Board of Christian Education at work in a small church which will be especially helpful to small churches.

These books may be purchased at your Baptist Book Store. Design for Achievement is $1.00 The Board of Christian Education at Work is 50 cents.

The Workbook
For Christian Education Workers

Design for Achievement in the Sunday Church School and The Board of Christian Education at Work will be approximately 8½ x 11 in size. These books will be punched to fit into a three-ring notebook or "Workbook". The "This We Can Do" handbooks will be the same size as formerly 5½ x 8½ but will be punched with two holes to fit in the three ring "Workbook".

These "Workbooks" will not be distributed at the Spring Conferences for Boards of Christian Education. It is anticipated that many persons will own a note book like this or would prefer to purchase one of their liking. Stickers will be provided for the cover of this three ring "Workbook".

These new materials will all be explained at the Spring Conference for Board of Christian Education which is one more reason why every board member should attend.

Green Lake

Have you seen the new folder on Green Lake Christian Education Conferences, "Its No Secret!!" This folder has been made available for Christian education workers. There is a limited supply of these folders and they may be secured by writing to Rev. Rodney Britten, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania.

Information folders on all Green Lake Conferences will be available early in February. For a supply of folders relating to Christian Education Conferences we suggest that you write to your area director of Christian education who will supply them to you. Other folders may be secured by writing to Miss Frances Lamb, registrar at the American Baptist Assembly.

We call your attention especially to the Worship and the Arts Conference, August 22-31. This is a high caliber conference for persons with responsibility in music and drama in the church.

The Association Chairman of
The Committee on Christian Education

Greetings:

This is a little late to wish you a happy and prosperous New Year, however, I am actually writing this January 2nd. We appreciate the contribution you have made to American Baptist churches through your concern in Christian education. I covet the opportunity of meeting you sometime in 1959.

These will be busy weeks for the Association Committee on Christian Education. If you haven't called a meeting of your committee since December you will want to schedule one right soon. Below are items you will want to list on your agenda.

1. Make plans for your Association Committee to attend your state (city) retreat for Association Committee and state (city) Committees of Christian Education. This retreat is planned by your area director and state (city) Committee of Christian Education. Certainly every member of your committee should make a supreme effort to attend.

Your state (city) may not be planning a retreat. In that event they will be planning district training conferences for the Association Committees. These state (city) retreats or District Training Conferences are extremely important since it will be at these training conferences your committee will be trained for their leadership in the Spring Conference for Boards of Christian Education.

2. The Spring Conference for Boards of Christian Education which will be held in your Association in April or May will need to be planned. The date for the Conference should be planned in cooperation with your area director. Many details will need to be worked out by your committee.

3. Receive reports from all members of the committee regarding their plans for the winter and spring. Give special attention to Vacation Church School Workshops, Demonstration and Observation Week plans, Observance of National Family Week, Observance of Youth Week.

4. If your Association holds a meeting this winter or spring, make plans for a good display of Christian education work and materials. Suggest to the Association program committee a strong speaker who will lift up the significance of Christian education.



Audio-Visuals

COMPLETELY REVISED, NEW AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCE GUIDE AVAILABLE*

With more than one-fourth of the print order sold out before a line of type was set, the long-awaited Fourth Edition (1958-59) of the Audio-Visual Resource Guide is off the assembly line. Edited and published by the National Council's Department of Audio-Visual and Broadcast Education, the Guide has become the "standard" in the evaluation of church-related A-V materials.

More than 2,500 motion pictures, filmstrips, slide sets, and recordings are analyzed critically and classified in the key volume. An entirely new editorial format has been adopted to make the Guide easier to use than its predecessors. This necessitated the rewriting of all evaluations published in the Third Edition ('54) and its Supplements ('55, '56, and '57) which were carried over. All technical data was rechecked on these materials to insure the greatest possible accuracy.

Three "bonus" sections offer information on feature-length films in 16mm, agencies rendering services to the church-related A-V field, and a general bibliography of the subject area. The book has been drilled to standard 3-ring binder measurements so that it may be placed in a loose-leaf notebook cover, saving it from wear and tear.

Since the Guide is available only from DAVBE and quantities are limited, you will want to send your check or money order for $10.00 (postpaid) to Audio-Visual Resource Guide, National Council of Churches, 257 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

SIX "LOOK UP AND LIVE" SCRIPTS FROM "SEEKING YEARS" READY AS BOOKLET**

Six of the nine programs in the summer 1957 TV series "The Seeking Years" are available under this title from the Christian Board of Publication, Beaumont and Pine Boulevard, Box 179, St. Louis 3, Mo. The price is $1.50. This series was presented by Columbia Broadcasting Company in cooperation with the National Council of Churches on the youth program, "Look Up and Live."

"The Seeking Years" won the Sylvania Award as the outstanding religious series on television in 1957. Each program has a contemporary theme and uses symbolic settings. Brief production notes are included. The titles of the six half-hour dramas selected for publication are:

"The Will to Win," by Howard Rodman
"Plenty of Rain," by Clair Roskam
"The Puzzle," by Clair Roskam
"A Thing of Beauty," by Howard Rodman
"No Man Is an Island," by James Benjamin
"The Faith Hawker," by Howard Rodman

The plays are suggested for college groups, church groups, and little theatre groups. Take note! They may not be reproduced on TV!

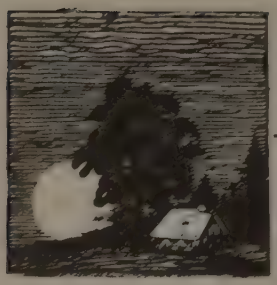
SUGGESTED PATTERN FOR GETTING AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS USED TO BEST ADVANTAGE IN A CHURCH

First, the Board of Christian Education shall delegate the Leadership Education Committee to be responsible for audio-visuals in the church. Second, there shall be an Audio-Visual Coordinator for the church, nominated by the Committee on Leadership Education and appointed by the Board of Christian Education. The A-V coordinator shall serve as a regular member of the Committee on Leadership Education. All matters pertaining to audio-visuals shall be the concern of the Committee on Leadership Education and the special concern of the A-V coordinator.

In a large church, where there is definite need to have more members on the Board of Christian Education than the recommended six persons plus ex officio members, the church may choose to designate one of the extra persons as Chairman of Audio-Visuals (A-V coordinator). This person shall serve as a member of the Committee on Leadership Education. (In a very small church where there is no Committee on Leadership Education, the Chairman of Leadership Education will also be the A-V coordinator.

In the association and state, audio-visuals shall be the responsibility of the Association Chairman of Leadership Education and the State Chairman of Leadership Education.

* From International Journal of Religious Education, September 1958
** From IJRE, November 1958



Department of Camps and Summer Conferences

A FOOT RULE FOR JUDGING THE MORE ABUNDANT LIFE*

by William Gould Vinal

The yardstick for a healthy individual is made up of such definite units as temperature, pulse, heart beat, blood pressure, digestion, sound teeth, clear skin, and sparkling eyes. If there is a health problem, the technician applies the yardstick, diagnoses the cause, and prescribes the remedy. The measuring stick for the more abundant life is not so apparent and yet every parent selecting a camp for his child should have some kind of gauge. The writer ventures to suggest twelve important units for measuring camps.

1. Does the camp over-emphasize athletics? The more a camp boasts about its "athletes" the greater the chance that it offers an unbalanced program. A few years ago the value of muscular exercise was discovered. Thirty-seven states passed laws requiring physical education and school room gymnastics. Athletic camps have become a Chinese wall to complete development. Send the entire child to camp and not just his biceps or legs.

2. Does the camp employ too many experts? The inherent difficulty of over-specialization is that the specialist thinks that everything else but baseball, or drama, or music, or handcraft, or nature lore is "sappy." The broad cultural appreciation of the outdoors which your child ought to get, and which you expect him to get, cannot be obtained by narrow, intolerant coaches. Send the child to camp with broad leadership.

3. Does the camp have "nursemaids"? Camp is one place where a fellow can "rough it" safely. The boy or girl who never roughs it is that much short of becoming a complete adult. The camp that puts the camper on his own, under guidance, is performing a real service. In this uncertain age it is more important than ever that your child be self-reliant and independent on hiking, trailing, fire-building, cooking, sleeping, and leisure time.

4. Does the camp run mass activities? Is it just another automobile factory? Is the program a regimented world of mechanized activities--setting up drills, birdhouse patterns, learning thirty trees, or is the program planned to allow choice and development of individual interests? In camp, above all places, democracy should have complete opportunity. Camps flourish best where there is fellowship and freedom of spirit.

5. Is the camp just another world of competition? If the child is put in the position that he "must" compete with others for grades or medals or emblems or some other gadgets, rather than take satisfaction in self-improvement, he will lose sight of the real aim of outdoor living. He will not learn the art of leisure. The chances are that he will come home more fatigued than when he went to camp.

6. Does the camp seek to give the child a sense of his own worth? A simple apple-twig whistle may give the feeling of inner ability. We may find our own good qualities in carving a stone or in befriending a squirrel. Nature may take away superstition. Nature may give us the love of truth. Experiences at camp may cause generosity or the sense of beauty to take first place. Singing in the rain may give courage to the person of little skill. Camping may make a poor child rich. A rich child returning to a city penthouse without having camped is poor.

7. Does the camp provide satisfactions in the simplicities of life? What ten things does your child prefer to anything else? If it is peanut brittle, soft drinks, balloon tires, stadiumized basketball, jazz blaring, the big apple, "double-deckers topped with mallow ripes," and the like, that is one set of patterns. If you would that he discover that fundamental happiness goes back to the out-of-doors--hiking, climbing, swimming, camping--you must set the stage for him to acquire those kinds of satisfactions. Choose the camp that teaches simple outdoor living.

8. Does the camp give thought to exploring? Of course it is important that the camp give attention to meals, health, rest, and play, but does it provide for discovering the secrets of nature? Is it interested in the skills of the woodsman? If it does not

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go that far, boys and girls are missing a real educational experience.

9. Does the camp afford naturalness of surroundings? If the program sees that the camper gets the satisfactions of color, form and sound in the landscape you have a good thermometer for judging the camp. Landscape conservation is an important factor in modern living. We see it in our national parks, in our homes, in our camps, in our playgrounds. Buildings and trails should blend inconspicuously into the surroundings. A natural woodland area is a liberating channel for one's best qualities. If one does not fulfill the desire for the appreciation of beauty, he gradually loses it.

10. Does the camp add sympathy and enthusiasm for the open? If the modern American does not enjoy the forests and hills and streams, God help him. It is more important that he know where to find enjoyment than that he know things--twenty-five ferns or fifty insects.

11. Does the camp program offer bookworm nature? Nature attitudes are not taught. One does not get desirable attitudes by committing ideas to memory. Books are a means to an end. It is more important to experience nature and omit books than to study books and never experience nature.

12. Does the camp provide a rich offering of outdoor hobbies? The enjoyment of the outdoors is of paramount value and the first essential to all other values. Other values are by-products. A real outdoor hobby performed for sheer enjoyment is the surest road to the royal security of outdoor America.

THE FELLOWSHIP BUILDERS ARE COMING!!

"Fellowship Builders" has been an honored name at Green Lake. Now a new manual is being prepared to make this exciting idea available for state convention and local church use. Excerpts from the preliminary manuscript follow:

Fellowship Builders is the name given to any group of Christian young people who, through a cooperative experience of work, study, and play, seek to develop a Christian fellowship. In other words, it is a conscious effort by a group of Christian young people to put Christ's teachings in daily use. They seek to do this through a work project and the experiences that come about from living as a group. At the present time successful Builders' programs have been in operation in several major cities as well as at the American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Types of Work

"What sort of work can Builders do?" you ask. "Any job within the physical ability of the young people involved," is the answer. At the American Baptist Assembly grounds, boat docks, a beach, construction of log cabins, laying water pipes, painting tepees and buildings, and erection of vesper sites are among the many completed projects.

In your own community there are multiple opportunities. For example, there may be local church improvements or repairs. Let's assume the job will take more than one evening to complete. Plan in advance for a weekend project. Arrange to meet at the church Friday after school. Eat supper prepared by some members of the group and then go to work. After three or four hours on the job, end the evening with a devotional thought. Have an early Saturday breakfast at the church, take time for a morning devotional thought, and then work until noon. After a light lunch, rest, then work for another hour or two. Plan some recreation before supper. After a good meal, try a fireside chat with your minister or a person of your own choice. In a short time, you have worked, played, and studied as a group.

Qualifications of Members

What qualifications should a young person have, to become a Builder? Experience has shown that in organizing on other than a local church weekend project, certain individual qualifications are necessary.

1. A Builder should be between the ages of 16 and 24.
2. He should have the consent of his parents and a recommendation from his pastor or youth advisor.
3. He should have just completed a satisfactory health examination and be able to do hard physical work.
4. Above all, he should have the right attitude toward work, be enthusiastic, and have a desire to become part of a close spiritual fellowship.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Be sure to order EARLY any of the present Judson camping materials you will need for use in this summer's camps.



Field Schedule

The Field Schedule of the National Staff is listed below in order to help you in making the maximum use of their time in your area. If staff members are coming near your area, and you need their help, please contact them at once. It may be possible to add your visit to their schedule.

Lois Blankenship

February	
15-20	S. California
23	Philadelphia, Pa.
March	
2-6	Philadelphia, Pa.
9-20	Pennsylvania
22-27	Atlantic City, N.J.
28 to	
April	
2	St. Louis, Mo.
3-10	Pennsylvania
24-26	West Virginia
29	Philadelphia, Pa.
May	
1-3	Ohio
4,7,8	Philadelphia, Pa.
14	Philadelphia, Pa.

Rodney M. Britten

March	
2-6	Philadelphia, Pa.
19	Philadelphia, Pa.
23-27	Atlantic City, N.J.
April	
14,15	South Dakota
27-30	Nebraska
May	
14	Philadelphia, Pa.

Kenneth L. Cober

February	
19,20	Washington, D. C.
21,23	Philadelphia, Pa.
24	New York, N.Y.
26,27	West Virginia
March	
3-6	Philadelphia, Pa.
16	New York, N.Y.
17	Philadelphia, Pa.
20	Binghamton, N.Y.
23	Philadelphia, Pa.
24-26	Atlantic City, N.J.
April	
4-7	Chicago, Ill.
10-11	Bay Cities, Calif.
17-26	California
29	Philadelphia, Pa.
May	
4	Philadelphia, Pa.
6	New York, N.Y.
7,8	Philadelphia, Pa.
14	New York, N.Y.

Margaret L. Crain

February	
27,28	New York
March	
2-6	Philadelphia, Pa.
12-14	Detroit, Mich.

Margaret L. Crain (cont'd)

March	
16	New York
23	Philadelphia, Pa.
24-26	Atlantic City, N.J.
April	
3,4	Ohio
7-9	Cleveland, Ohio
10-15	Michigan
17	Ohio
27	Philadelphia, Pa.
May	
1-3	Ohio

David M. Evans

February	
15-18	Chicago, Ill.
19 to	
March	
6	Philadelphia, Pa.
8,9	New York, N.Y.
10-13	Washington, D. C.
14	Patterson, N.J.
16-23	Philadelphia, Pa.
24-26	Atlantic City, N.J.
27 to	
April	
3	Philadelphia, Pa.
5-17	Green Lake, Wis.
18-25	W. Lafayette, Ind.
27,28	Philadelphia, Pa.
29,30	Newton Centre, Mass.
May	
1-3	Moline, Ill.
4-15	Philadelphia, Pa.

James E. Fidler

February	
16-21	Philadelphia, Pa.
23,24	Kansas
25 to	
March	
1	Missouri
2-6	Philadelphia, Pa.
7-15	Iowa
16	New York, N.Y.
17-23	Philadelphia, Pa.
24-26	Atlantic City, N.J.
April	
8-10,29	Philadelphia, Pa.
May	
4,7,8	Philadelphia, Pa.
12-15	Kansas

Clarence Gilbert

March	
4-6	Radnor, Pa.
11,12	Chicago, Ill.
13,14	Indianapolis, Ind.
23-26	Atlantic City, N.J.

Clarence Gilbert (cont'd)

April	
2,3	Philadelphia, Pa.
8,9	Buck Hill Falls, Pa.
13,21	Illinois

Joseph John Hanson

February	
18-27	Pennsylvania
March	
2-6	Philadelphia, Pa.
12	Maine
14	Vermont
17,18	Philadelphia, Pa.
23	Philadelphia, Pa.
24-26	Atlantic City, N.J.
April	
2,3	New Hampshire
6,7	Maine
10,11	Vermont
12	Buck Hill Falls, Pa.
14	Philadelphia, Pa.
19	Washington, D. C.
21,22	New York
27,30	Philadelphia, Pa.
May	
4	Philadelphia, Pa.
5,6	New York
7-14	Pennsylvania

William J. Keech

February	
16-27	Philadelphia, Pa.
March	
2-6	Philadelphia, Pa.
7	Boston, Mass.
9-23	Pennsylvania
24-26	Atlantic City, N.J.
27 to	
April	
16	Pennsylvania
17,18	Rhode Island
20-23	Philadelphia, Pa.
24,25	Connecticut
27 to	
May	
1	Philadelphia, Pa.

Kenneth E. Peterson

February	
21	Philadelphia, Pa.
27 to	
March	
1	Rochester, N.Y.
26	Philadelphia, Pa.
12-14	Oregon
17,18	Nevada
19,20	Washington
24-26	Atlantic City, N.J.
30	New York
31 to	
April	
1	Princeton, N.J.
18-25	W. Lafayette, Ind.
27	Philadelphia, Pa.
May	
1,2	New York

Miriam A. Peterson

February	
18	Philadelphia, Pa.
March	
2-6	Philadelphia, Pa.
7-10	Minnesota
11,12	North Dakota
13,14	Wisconsin
19	Philadelphia, Pa.
23	Philadelphia, Pa.
24-26	Atlantic City, N.J.
May	
4	Philadelphia, Pa.

Florence Stansbury

February	
15	Omaha, Neb.
18-22	New Jersey
25	New York
March	
2-6	Radnor, Pa.
17	Detroit, Mich.
20,21	New Jersey
23-26	Atlantic City, N.J.
31 to	
April	
4	Buck Hill Falls, Pa.
13	New York
2,3	New Jersey
5,6	New York
8,9	West Virginia
15,16	West Virginia

Marjorie Wilson

February	
15 to	
March	
6	Pennsylvania
8-16	Utah, Ida., Mont.
17-22	Philadelphia, Pa.
23-30	Atlantic City, N.J.
31 to	
April	
4	Buck Hill Falls, Pa.
5-18	Green Lake, Wis.
19 to	
May	
15	Philadelphia, Pa.

Charles E. Woodson

February	
28	Palmyra, N.J.
March	
2-6	Pennsylvania
8-13	N.Y., Washington, D.
19&23	Philadelphia, Pa.
24-26	Atlantic City, N.J.
April	
3-4	New York
10,11	New York
17	New York
18-25	Lafayette, Ind.
May	
4	Philadelphia, Pa.
8	New York



A Directory of Directors

You will find listed below those responsible for State and City Christian Education work within their local areas. For your convenience they are coded as follows: SD - State Director; CD - City Director; YD - Youth Director; ChD - Children's Director; EX - Executive Secretary; AD - Associate Director; CaD - Camping Director; AM-Missionary.

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Alice I. Huston - - Minnesota. Probably the biggest thing that has happened in our department this fall is the Christian Education Retreat held for state and association committee members and local church superintendents and chairmen of boards of Christian education. The general reaction seemed to be that this is the sort of thing that is needed in our local churches.

The Directors Say

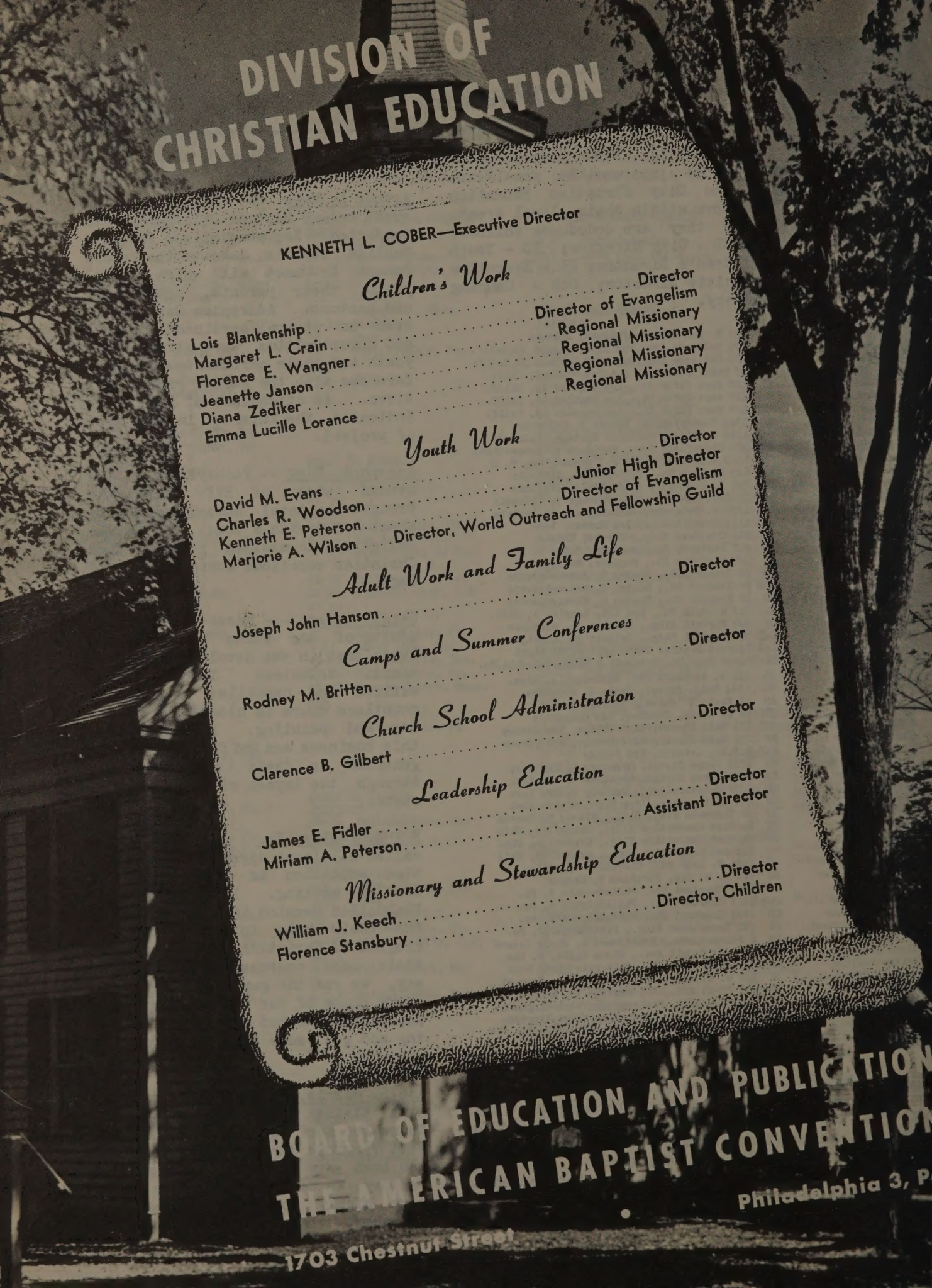
Arthur L. Maye -- New Jersey. An event called Baptist College Day was conducted. Representatives from ten Baptist schools came to the Peddie School to meet with high school youth, their parents, counselors, and pastors. Addresses were delivered on several pertinent subjects and opportunities were given to the youth and their parents to have conferences with the school representatives. An attendance of 180 people indicated the interest in this type of project.

Joseph A. King -- Pennsylvania. The second week of BYF Travelcade brought the total number reached to about 1,500 with a total of 150 who dedicated themselves to full time Christian vocations during the meetings.

Sargis Matson - - Massachusetts. The adults of our state have played a large part in the development of our camps. Volunteer laborers both skilled and unskilled have put in countless hours in clearing, building and painting. In addition to this business men and firms have been generous in their contributions through the laymen and women of our state.

Roy E. Paslay, Jr. Kansas. We called all local directors of Christian education in to Topeka for a two-day meeting. It was called an Evaluation Session in which we asked for their help in evaluating the Program of Christian education in their local churches. Needless to say, we ran the gamut in discussing every phase of our work in Christian education. We had a period of sharing and got some fine new ideas for our work.

Asa B. Harris,Jr. - - West Virginia. Miss Elaine Marsh, Church School Counselor for the ABPS has been in West Virginia during 1958. Her work has been very acceptable and satisfactory. We can recommend Miss Marsh very highly to other states and churches.


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